

# Home Security

## Inspection Checklist

The purpose of this home security inspection sheet is to identify features in your home, or daily routines of your family, which might make your home an easy target for a burglar. The security inspection should begin at your front door, including an inspection of all your doors and windows, locks, lights and landscaping. Each question on the checklist which is answered with a response in the second column indicates a security weakness or hazard which requires your attention.

### A. Front Entrance

Yes	No	1.	Is door itself of metal or solid wood construction?
Yes	No	2.	Is door frame strong and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?
Yes	No	3.	Are door hinges protected from removal from outside?
No	Yes	4.	Are there windows in the door or within 40 inches of the locks?
Yes	No	5.	Are the door locks adequate and in good repair?
Yes	No	6.	Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed?
Yes	No	7.	If there are no windows in door, is there a wide angle viewer or voice intercommunications device?
Yes	No	8.	Can the lock mechanism be reached through a mail slot, delivery port or pet entrance at doorway?
Yes	No	9.	Is there a screen or storm door with an adequate lock?
Yes	No	10.	Is exterior or front entrance lighted with at least a 40 watt light?
Yes	No	11.	Can front entrance be observed from street or public areas?
No	Yes	12.	Does porch or landscaping offer concealment from view from street or public area?

### B. Side or Rear Entrance

Yes	No	13.	Is door itself of metal or solid wood construction?
Yes	No	14.	Is door frame strong and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?
Yes	No	15.	Are door hinges protected from removal from outside?
No	Yes	16.	Are there windows in the door or within 40 inches of the locks?
Yes	No	17.	Are the door locks adequate and in good repair?
Yes	No	18.	Are the strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed?

### C. Side or Rear Entrance

No	Yes	19.	Can the lock mechanism be reached from outside through a delivery port or pet entrance?
Yes	No	20.	Is the exterior of the doorway lighted by at least a 40 watt light?
No	Yes	21.	Is doorway concealed from street or neighbor's view by porch,

fence or landscaping?

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|-----|----|-----|---|
| Yes | No | 22. | Does doorway have screen or storm door with lock?   |
| Yes | No | 23. | If door is sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of track? |
| Yes | No | 24. | Is 'charley-bar' or key operated auxiliary lock used on sliding door?                       |

#### **D. Entrances from Garage & Basement**

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|-----|----|-----|--|
| Yes | No | 25. | Are all entrances to living quarters from garage and basement of metal or solid wood construction?   |
| Yes | No | 26. | Do doors from garage to living quarters have locks adequate for exterior entrance?                   |
| Yes | No | 27. | Does door from basement to living quarters have an adequate lock operated from living quarters side? |

#### **E. Ground Floor Windows**

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|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Yes | No  | 28. | Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition?                              |
| Yes | No  | 29. | Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from inside?                         |
| No  | Yes | 30. | Do any windows open onto areas that may be hazardous or offer special risk to burglary? |
| Yes | No  | 31. | Do windows that open to hazardous areas have security screens or grills?                |
| Yes | No  | 32. | Are exterior areas of windows free from concealing structures or landscaping?           |
| Yes | No  | 33. | Is exterior adequately lighted at all window areas?                                     |

#### **F. Upper Floor Windows**

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|-----|-----|-----|--|
| No  | Yes | 34. | Do any upper floor windows open onto porch or garage roofs, or roofs of adjoining buildings? |
| Yes | No  | 35. | If so, are they secured as adequately as if they were at ground level?                       |
| Yes | No  | 36. | Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows?                          |
| No  | Yes | 37. | Are ladders kept outside the house where they are accessible?                                |

#### **G. Basement Doors & Windows**

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|-----|-----|-----|--|
| No  | Yes | 38. | Is there a door from outside to the basement?                                |
| Yes | No  | 39. | If so, is that door adequately secure for an exterior door?                  |
| Yes | No  | 40. | Is outside basement entrance lighted by exterior light of at least 40-watts? |

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|-----|-----|-----|---|
| No  | Yes | 41. | Is outside basement door concealed from street or neighbors?  |
| Yes | No  | 42. | Are all basement windows adequately secured against entrance? |

**H. Garage Doors & Windows**

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|-----|----|-----|--|
| Yes | No | 43. | Is automobile entrance door to garage equipped with adequate locking device?               |
| Yes | No | 44. | Is garage door kept close and locked at all times?   |
| Yes | No | 45. | Are garage windows secured adequately for ground floor windows?                            |
| Yes | No | 46. | Is outside utility entrance to garage as secure as required for any ground floor entrance? |
| Yes | No | 47. | Are tools and ladders kept in garage?  |
| Yes | No | 48. | Are all garage doors lighted on the outside by at least a 40-watt light?                   |

Although nothing can guarantee freedom from being a victim of crime, simple precautions can add an extra measure of protection. That extra measure may save you from becoming a police statistic.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance to you in this community’s fight against crime. Please take a moment to review some of the crime prevention tips provided in other areas of the Lincoln Police Department’s Internet pages for additional security/personal awareness advice. We welcome your comments or requests of assistance; the Community Services Unit can be contacted by E-Mail or phone at 441-7261.